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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application.

Applicants have canceled claim 13. Claim 14 has been allowed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 as claims are being canceled and placed into better condition for allowance.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,668,595 to Katayama et al. ("Katayama").

Applicants have canceled claim 13 therefore obviating the rejection.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has stated that claim 14 contains allowable subject matter.

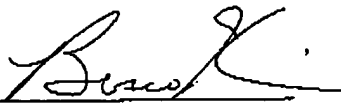
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request early notice of allowance for the pending claim.

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III. Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants believes that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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